$1 \parallel$ The Honorable James L. Robart 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 9 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NO. CR20-193 JLR 11 ORDER CONTINUING Plaintiff, TRIAL DATE 12 v. 13 AL-PENYO BROOKS. 14 Defendant. 15 16 THIS COURT having considered the government's unopposed Motion to Continue 17 Trial Date and Pretrial Motions Deadline, and based on the facts set forth therein, and 18 General Orders 01-20 through 15-20 of the United States District Court for the Western 19 District of Washington addressing measures to reduce the spread and health risks from 20 COVID-19, which is incorporated herein by reference, the Court hereby FINDS as follows: 21 At this critical juncture in which the number of cases and hospitalizations has 22 skyrocketed both locally and nationally, creating a significant health risk for gatherings, and 23 given the facts set forth in the parties' motion, the Court hereby finds that it is not possible to

proceed with a jury trial in this matter on January 19, 2021. Limiting the size and frequency

of gatherings remains critical to preventing serious illness and death from COVID-19. The

ability of witnesses, counsel, and Court staff to be present in the courtroom.

continuing public health situation resulting from the pandemic also limits the availability and

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1	2. Further, because of the recommendations that individuals at higher risk of
2	contracting this disease – including individuals with underlying health conditions,
3	individuals age 60 and older, and individuals who are pregnant – avoid large groups of
4	people, at this time, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to get a jury pool that would
5	represent a fair cross section of the community. Based on the recommendations, it would
6	also be medically inadvisable to do so.
7	IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties will appear before the Court for a
8	status conference on January 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the a new trial date and
9	corresponding pre-trial motions deadline in this matter.
10	Dated this 14th day of December, 2020.
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14	United States District Judge
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